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Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Director Bill Shelton receives Excellence in Virginia Government Award

~ Shelton receives Lifetime Achievement Award from VCU Wilder School ~

RICHMOND – Today, Bill Shelton, director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Excellence in Virginia Government Awards (EVGA) Luncheon hosted by the Virginia Commonwealth University L. Douglas Wilder School. This award recognizes a Virginian whose career represents the highest values of public service and citizenship and who has made a substantial contribution to the good of the commonwealth.

"I cannot think of a more deserving individual to receive this award than Bill Shelton," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Maurice Jones. "He has spent more than 30 years in public service, and his work has made a difference to people and communities all over the commonwealth. I am grateful to him for his commitment and faithfulness. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with him."

Shelton has served as the director of DHCD for 17 years of his 37-year state government career. He is responsible for the management and policy oversight of the agency, which provides community development and housing program support to communities across the commonwealth. The department also administers statewide building codes.

Among his many accomplishments, Shelton helped launch Virginia Community Capital, one of the leading community development banks in the U.S., with assets exceeding \$133 million. He also has a strong commitment to water quality and availability in Southwest Virginia. Shelton is an ex-officio member of the board of commissioners of the Virginia Housing Development Authority and serves on the board of Virginia Community Capital Inc. He also serves as the governor's state alternate for the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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